

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEARINGS OFFICE**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**May 12, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.**

The May 12, 2011 meeting was called to order by Chair Andrea McNamara Doyle in the Boards' office in Tumwater, Washington. Present were Chair Andrea McNamara Doyle, Board Members Bill Lynch and Kathy Mix and Administrative Appeals Judge Kay Brown, Administrative Manager Robyn Bryant, Hearings Coordinator Debbie Joblonski, and Administrative Secretary Janet Buechler. Minutes of the April 12, 2011 meetings were read and approved as corrected.

Handouts were distributed. The reports included the number and type of pollution and shoreline appeals filed, a brief summary of all cases that have closed, and the Case Statistics Report.

### **Appellate Report**

Janet Buechler reported one Superior Court Appeal has been filed for Pollution Control case *Garry Will v. Ecology*. It was also reported that the case of *Sierra Club, et al. v. Transalta, et al.* is being voluntarily withdrawn from the Court of Appeals.

### **Legislative Update**

Bill Lynch reviewed a list of bills that have either passed or are still in process that will affect the EHO.

### **Financial Update**

Robyn Bryant reported on the status of the budget for the current biennium. Andrea McNamara Doyle discussed the status of the budget for the next biennium, which has not been finalized by the legislature. Because of expected reductions in the 2011-13 budget, all employees were encouraged to submit any suggestions for possible cuts to the Board.

### **ELUHO Transition**

Kathy Mix reported on the progress of the transition team. Meetings are continuing for discussion on policies and contract issues. Policy drafts have been distributed and will be voted on prior to the end of June.

Robyn reported the progress on a possible transition to General Administration's IT services and the changes which will need to be made to web addresses and e-mail addresses at the time of the merger.

**Miscellaneous**

Plans for the ice cream social as a joint venture with Parks' employees during an upcoming lunch time were discussed and any remaining details will be finalized with Parks' employees.

Meeting adjourned.

Janet Buechler  
Administrative Secretary